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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Stage of International  
Application No.: PCT/FR98/01922 of:

**Sandrine DECOSTER, et al.**

Application No.: 09/509,315

Group Art Unit: 1615

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For: DETERGENT COSMETIC  
COMPOSITIONS AND USE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer, and insert claims  
17-36 as follows:

--17. A detergent and conditioning composition comprising, in a

cosmetically acceptable medium, a washing base and a conditioning system, wherein

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